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SUBJECT: IEA: NORWAY AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

1. GON HAS ASKED SECRETARIAT TO CIRCULATE FOLLOWING LANGUAGE AS CORRIGENDUM TO NORWEGIAN DECLARATION CONTAINED IN FEB. 5 GOVERNING BOARD CONCLUSIONS DOCUMENT (IEA/GB(75)8). AMENDMENT ADDS NEW FINAL FIRST PARAGRAPH AND NEW FINAL TWO PARAGRAPHS TO EXISTING TEXT. GON SAYS THIS LANGUAGE REFLECTS REMARKS MADE BY NORWEGIAN REPS DURING NEGOTIATION OF INITIAL DECLARATION AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN ORIGINAL DOCUMENT.

2. SECRETARIAT (SCOTT) HAS SENT PROPOSED CHANGES TO DAVIGNON AND TO USDEL TO SEE IF WE AGREE THAT INSERTION OF LANGUAGE IS UNOBJECTIONABLE. IF SO, SECRETARIAT WILL CIRCULATE CHANGES AS SECRETARIAT DOCUMENT. ON OTHER UNCLASSIFIED

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HAND, IF WE OBJECT TO CHANGES, SCOTT WILL TELL

NORWEGIANS THEY WILL HAVE TO CIRCULATE REVISIONS ON
THEIR OWN INITIATIVE AT MAR. 6 GB MEETING. FULL TEXT
FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

1. (NEW) THE SIGNING OF THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN
MY GOVERNMENT AND THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY IS A
MOST IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR MY DELEGATION. I SHOULD
LIKE TO THANK THE CHAIRMAN, THE MEMBERS OF THE
GOVERNING BOARD AND THE SECRETARIAT FOR THE UNDERSTAND-
ING WHICH HAS LED TO THIS AGREEMENT. WE SEE IN IT A
RECOGNITION OF CERTAIN SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE
SITUATION OF MY COUNTRY WHICH WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE.

2. NORWAY INTENDS TO PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN THE
VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY
INCLUDING EMERGENCY MEASURES. FROM THE WASHINGTON
CONFERENCE ONWARDS WE HAVE APPRECIATED THE EMERGENCY
PROGRAM AS A WAY TO AVOID INDIVIDUAL NATIONAL ACTION
BASED ON NARROW SELF INTEREST THAT MAY HARM PARTNER
COUNTRIES. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO
ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE COHESION OF THE IEA
GROUP IN CASE OF EMERGENCY. WE SHALL ENDEAVOR WITHIN
OUR MEANS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH POLICY COHESION.

3. NORWAY COOPERATES CLOSELY WITH IEA MEMBERS IN
MANY FIELDS. WHILE NATIONAL DECISION IS RESERVED FOR
THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES, THE VIEWS AND
DECISIONS OF THE IEA MEMBER GROUP WILL OF NECESSITY
WEIGH HEAVILY IN NORWEGIAN DECISION-MAKING. THE
NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO TAKE A COURSE
DIFFERENT FROM THAT ADOPTED BY THE IEA UNDER THE RULES
OF CHAPTERS I - IV OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY PROGRAM
EXCEPT FOR REASONS THAT IT REGARDS AS BEING OF OVER-
RIDING IMPORTANCE.

4. NORWAY IS FULLY PREPARED TO TAKE PART ON A PAR
WITH PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES IN CONSULTATIVE PROCEDURES
AND EXAMINATION PROCEDURES WITHIN THE IEA. THESE
CONSULTATIONS WILL EMBRACE DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES,
WHICH NORWAY IS AT ALL TIMES READY TO ELABORATE, AND
STANDBY CAPACITY. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDS
PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROCEDURES NOT MERELY AS A
CONTRIBUTION TO THE IEA, BUT AS A PROCESS IN OUR OWN
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NATIONAL INTEREST, AND NORWAY IS READY TO FURNISH
RELEVANT INFORMATION IN THIS RESPECT.

5. (NEW) FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, I HAVE BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO POINT OUT MORE GENERALLY THAT THE
NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT HAS ADOPTED BASIC LEGISLATION AND
GUIDANCE WITH REGARD TO OUR ACTIVITIES IN THE PETROLEUM
FIELD WHICH IS THE BASIS UPON WHICH THE POLICY OF THE
NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS BUILT.

6. (NEW) NORWAY HAS, OF COURSE, WITH A LATE
INTERRUPTION, BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENERGY
COOPERATION SINCE THE WASHINGTON CONFERENCE A YEAR AGO.
WE NOW LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING FRUITFUL AND
CONSTRUCTIVE COOPERATION IN THIS VITAL FIELD. END TEXT

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SECRETARIAT HAS REQUESTED
GUIDANCE BY COB MARCH 4 AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD
CIRCULATE REVISIONS AS SECRETARIAT CORRIGENDA FOR
APPROVAL AT GB MEETING.
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